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Mr. Ruben R. Barrera  
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OR92-359

Dear Mr. Barrera:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 16224.

The City of Pearsall (the city) received an open records request for the city attorney's legal opinion concerning the re-zoning of a certain tract of land. You state that although the conclusion of the opinion letter was revealed by the city council during an open meeting, the letter itself was not disclosed to the public. You seek to withhold this document pursuant to the attorney-client privilege as incorporated in section 3(a)(7) of the Open Records Act.

We have considered the exception you claim and have reviewed the document at issue. Previous determinations of this office, Open Records Decision Nos. 574 (1990) and 380 (1983), resolve your request. The requested information constitutes the city attorney's legal opinion to his client. For this reason, you may withhold the requested information pursuant to section 3(a)(7).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-359.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kay H. Guajardo".

Kay H. Guajardo  
Assistant Attorney General  
Opinion Committee

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cc: Mr. Wilbur Wilson  
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